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Mr. Stephen Iser
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Ref. No. 04-0269

Dear Mr. Iser:

This responds to your letter regarding the carriage of self-inflating life jackets on passenger-carrying aircraft in checked or carry-on baggage.

Section 175.10(a)(25) of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) permits an airline passenger or crew member to carry one small carbon dioxide cylinder fitted into a self-inflating life jacket, together with one spare carbon dioxide cylinder, in checked or carry-on baggage with the approval of the aircraft operator. Provided the aircraft operator approves such carriage, the self-inflating life jacket and carbon dioxide cylinders are not subject to any other requirements of the HMR.

I trust this satisfies your inquiry. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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November 19, 2004

Mr. Edward Mazzullo
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US Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Mazzullo:

On January 22, 2001 you wrote to Mr. Bartz (copy of letter enclosed) in reference to Section 175.10 (a) (25). I am a frequent traveler to various sailing locations and I carry a self inflating life jacket that I use during such sailing trips. I would greatly appreciate your preparing a new, updated, current letter explaining this section, as it would greatly facilitate my passage through security checks at the airports. I am scheduled to make a trip to the Caribbean shortly and would really appreciate your attention to this at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. Should you need to contact me, please call 845-348-0878, or cell- 845-642-4037 or 845-356-6610. I will be out of the US from 12-3 through 12-23 on business.

Sincerely,



Stephen Iser



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JAN 22 2001

Mr. Bruce Bartz
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Ref. No. 01-0011

Re: Carriage of Self-inflating Life Jackets as Baggage on Aircraft

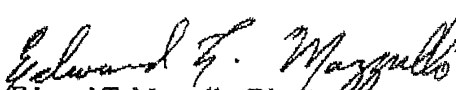
Dear Mr. Bartz:

This responds to your January 10, 2001 letter concerning the carriage of self-inflating life jackets on passenger-carrying aircraft in checked or carry-on baggage.

Section 175.10(a)(25) of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) permits an airline passenger or crew member to carry one small carbon dioxide cylinder fitted into a self-inflating life jacket, together with one spare carbon dioxide cylinder, in checked or carry-on baggage with the approval of the aircraft operator. Provided the aircraft operator approves such carriage, the self-inflating life jacket and carbon dioxide cylinders are not subject to any other requirements of the HMR.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,


Edward T. Mazzullo, Director
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January 14, 2005

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Dear Mr. Mazzullo:

I would appreciate your assistance in securing clarification regarding the rules and rights of the traveling public with respect to carrying pfd's on commercial air flights.

I am a boater, and have attempted to travel with my self-inflating life jacket, in the course of several flights in the past five years. According to Section 175.10 Paragraph 25 (enclosed copy faxed to me- dated 2-10-03) this is permissible. On Monday 12-13-04 in the process of going thru security at Miami International on an American Airline flight to Puerto Rico, leaving at 5:02, I was told by the screener that the life vest was not allowed due to the small CO2 cartridge. I produced my copy of Section 175.5, but he still refused to pass it thru and I requested a supervisor- Mr. Orlando Medina- Badge # 870661- identified himself as the manager and refused to permit the vest on the basis that this letter was two years old, and new regulations did not permit it. I requested that he show me the new regulations and he refused claiming "security" issues. He was rude and discourteous and the CO2 cartridge was confiscated.

I know that this issue comes up frequently as I have seen many articles written by Boat US and the US Power Squadron Magazines. It would be very helpful to have some clear ruling on this subject, so boaters like myself can avoid these long delays and confiscation of these cartridges. Ironically, most airlines have a life jacket under every seat- with two CO2 cartridges.

Any assistance you could supply would be greatly appreciated!!!


Sincerely
Stephen Iser